AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification

Please substitute the following amended paragraph(s) and/or section(s) (deleted matter is shown by strikethrough and added matter is shown by underlining):

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In a second embodiment the invention provides a method of attaching an ice blade to an ice conditioning machine mounted on wheels for movement along an ice surface in an operating travel direction. The method comprises attaching a blade bar to the ice conditioning machine; attaching a plurality of magnets to the blade bar; bringing the ice blade and blade bar together such that the ice blade is magnetically held against the blade bar in an operating position oriented substantially parallel to the ice surface; and preventing sliding movement of the ice blade out of the operating position by providing blade guides.

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The blade bar 6 and ice blade [[12]] 10 define blade guides 20 operative to prevent sliding movement of the ice blade 10 out of the operating position OP when the cutting edge 12 engages the ice surface 5 in the operating travel direction T. In the embodiment of Figs. 1-3 the blade guides 20 are provided by a ridge 22 along a rear bottom portion of the blade bar 6 and the rear edge 24 of the ice blade 10. Thus as the ice blade 10 engages the ice surface 5 when moving in the operating travel direction T, a rearward force is exerted on the ice blade 10 that will tend to move it out of the illustrated operating position OP. This force is resisted since the rear edge 24

of the ice blade 10 bears against the ridge 22, and movement away from the operating position OP is prevented.

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In the illustrated embodiment, the slot 50 is tapered and has a proximate width at a first end 52 adjacent to the open portion 46 that is greater than the width [[PW]] WP of the blade peg 40, and a distal width at an opposite second end 54 that is substantially equal to the width of the blade peg 40. The open portion 46 is also somewhat larger than the head 40. Thus less precision is required in positioning the blade bar 6 with respect to the ice blade 10, but as the blade bar 6 is moved forward in operating travel direction T the tapered slots 50 bear against the blade pegs 40 and force them into the proper position at the distal ends 54 of the slots 50, wherein the width of the slots 50 is substantially equal to the width WP of the blade pegs 40.

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Wheel guides [[76]] are aligned with the cradle 60 to guide the ice conditioning machine 2 into proper alignment with the ice blade 10 such that the blade bar 6 can be lowered to position the heads 44 of the blade pegs 40 in the open portions 68 of the cradle recesses 64.